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Dear Members of the Lexington Community,

On July 7, our community experienced two incidents of hate. The hate fueled graffiti left on a fence at the Harrington School and on benches near the Countryside Complex targeted Jews and Blacks. This graffiti is an attack on the core beliefs of our community.

The Board of Selectmen stand with the Lexington Human Rights Committee in solidarity with those who have been a victim of racism or anti-Semitism. We are deeply troubled by these recent incidents. We condemn them and ask each of you to join us in the continuing struggle to free our community of hatred, bigotry, intolerance and disrespect.

The Board and the Committee commend the staff at the school and housing authority for quickly removing the offensive graffiti and for reporting the incidents to the Lexington Police. The Lexington Police Department works with the Human Rights Committee to investigate and resolve hate incidents. We ask for your help in resolving these ongoing investigations.

Everyone in our community deserves to live and work in a safe and secure environment where hateful acts are not tolerated. Please continue to report any bias incidents or civil rights violations to the police department (781-862-1212) or the Lexington Human Rights Committee (humanrightscmte@lexingtonma.gov).

The Human Rights Committee welcomes your assistance in planning and implementing responses to incidents antithetical to the core values of Lexington. The next scheduled committee meeting is at 8 a.m. on September 9 at the Community Center.

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